

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING JULY 10, 2007

The Hall County Board of Corrections met from general session and by published call:

10:00 a.m. Jeffries made the motion and Wagoner seconded to go into the Board of Corrections. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner, all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL - Members present were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Bob Rye, and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was Corrections Director Fred Ruiz.

OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Arnold read the notice of the open meeting law.

MINUTES OF MEETING – Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to place on file the minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner, all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded.

CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS REPORT – Corrections Director Fred Ruiz was present. He stated that the current population is at 120 inmates. They are having some problems with the control panel and are limping by with quick fixes on the problems and they have also had to fix a washing machine. They have a couple of inmates that have special language issues. One inmate was a danger to himself and the staff and one inmate has felony charges and also has health issues so both of these inmates were transported to Lincoln for safe keeping.

Mr. Ruiz also stated that the construction on the new corrections facility is 8 to 12 weeks behind and they are working hard to get the building enclosed. The cement panels and the metal building are not joined together yet because some of the kitchen and laundry equipment is very large and they need special equipment to move it in once this has been completed the building will be closed in. Once this is done they can complete the roof. The air exchange units are up and they will have permanent power this week.

There will be a progress meeting today at 2:00 p.m. He stated that Chief Construction is doing a good job and DLR is representing the County well.

Eriksen questioned if the two safe keepers had been in the new facility could these issues be handled differently. Mr. Ruiz stated yes it would because they would have access to a padded cell so the inmate could not harm himself or be a danger to the employees.

Lancaster stated that she appreciates knowing that the new facility will be safer for the inmates and for the staff. She also thanked Mr. Ruiz for the progress reports on the new facility. Fred stated that talks to Bud frequently on the building issues.

Mr. Ruiz also stated that the starting time for the 12 hour shifts will change on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The quarterly jail tour will be held today. Eriksen and Rye stated they may need to be excused from the tour.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Arnold called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Members attending the jail tour are Scott Arnold, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Bob Humiston and Daniel Wagoner.

10:33 a. m. recessed the Board of Corrections meeting for the jail tour.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk